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## Hicks-Beach Blamed

Chancellor of Exchequer's Proposal to Starve the Cable Project.

But Agents General Have Found a Friend in the Colonial Secretary.

Who Will Prevail on Home Government to Take Proper Share.

By Associated Press.

London, May 16.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press learns on undoubted authority that the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is responsible for the somewhat niggardly financial support offered by the Imperial government to the Pacific cable project, but that the high commissioner for Canada, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and the other interested agents general were apparently satisfied from the developments of the last few days that the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, who is prepared to do far more towards fostering the scheme than some of his colleagues, will ultimately prevail on the home government to contribute a considerable portion of the capital required for the projected cable.

### AGUINALDO NO FUGITIVE.

But Has Taken to the Hills Simply as Part of His Strategic Plans—Europeans Warned Off.

London, May 16.—The following despatch has been received by Lloyd's from Manila: "Owing to the orders of the revolutionists, all English employees have been forced to leave the rice mills and come here. Native employees will be left at the mills. A protest has been filed with the British consul."

The Filipino junta here informs the Associated Press that on receipt of the news saying all foreigners had been ordered from the Filipino lines, a cable message of inquiry was sent to Aguinaldo, who replied that the announcement was due to the statements of Mr. Higgins, the manager of the railroad, on his return to Manila, after several months' residence in the Filipino lines. The Filipinos, it is added, ridicule the statement that Aguinaldo is a fugitive, and claim his retirement is a part of his strategic plans. As the mountains are almost inaccessible, and are inhabited by savages, who use poisoned arrows, it is absolutely impossible for the Americans to follow him there.

### ADVANCING ARBITRATION.

British and American Delegates Would Give It First Place—A Professor's Forebodings.

Vienna, May 16.—Much attention has been attracted by the publication of a long letter addressed to Baroness Suter by Professor Bloch, to whose well-known "War of the Future" the inception of the Czar's peace project is believed to have been due.

The letter is made public on the eve of the meeting of the conference at The Hague, with the purpose, Professor Bloch contends, of affecting the deliberations of the conference. Governments and privileged classes, he says, are making every effort to retard the peace movement. While political economists, savants and the masses generally approve the conference, diplomats and military leaders oppose it. He apprehends that the Czar's idea will not be represented at the conference. In these circumstances and as a means of counteracting any attempt to paralyze the action of the conference, Professor Bloch suggests consideration of the two following questions: First, whether the time has not actually arrived when war would result in the mutual destruction of the combatants. And second, whether the existing balance of power would not remain the same after a war, with the difference that it would be no longer possible to prevent a scientific element from leading to a catastrophe.

The Hague, March 16.—It is understood that the American and British representatives are meeting with some success in their efforts to get the question of international arbitration, which is now the eighth article of the programme, advanced to first place.

## Queen's Birthday Excursions

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### SMUGGLERS OF DRUGS.

New York Customs Officers Arrest Four Men Who Are Held on Heavy Bail.

New York, May 16.—A number of special custom house agents to-day arrested four men on a charge of smuggling and confiscating a large quantity of phenacetine, salfonal, opium, ammonia and other valuable drugs. The names of the men arrested are given as Howard E. Wooten, A. A. Commons, Francis F. Plasse and Paul Simpson.

The four prisoners were arraigned before Police Commissioner Shields, who held them for examination. Wooten in \$5,000 bail, Commons and Plasse in \$2,500 each, and Simpson in \$1,000.

Wooten at first denied his identity, saying his name was Williams. In a dress suit case in his possession officers discovered a number of 1-lb. cans of phenacetine and opium. On the handle of this case was a tag of the Richardson house, Toronto. Among his other effects were found considerable correspondence with Canadian druggists and merchants.

### ROCKEFELLER'S

STRIKE IN OIL.

One Man Controls Price and Can Make New Millions at Will.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 16.—Attorney-General Frank Monnett, of Ohio, was before the industrial commission to-day as a witness in the trust investigation. His testimony related almost exclusively to the Standard Oil trust, against which he has been proceeding in his official capacity in Ohio. Mr. Monnett gave figures showing the capital stock of the twenty companies comprising the trust, as well as their valuation, showing the capitalization to amount in the aggregate to \$120,233,000, and valuation \$121,631,000. He said the trust could make its dividends whatever it desired them to be, as it controlled completely the distribution of the stock of the trust, saying that the trustees held 466,280 of the 700,000 shares, and that Mr. John D. Rockefeller, chairman of the trustees, held a majority of the stock thus distributed, giving him the balance of power. "This gives him absolute individual control," remarked Mr. North, to which Mr. Monnett replied: "Yes, it is practically a one-man power."

Mr. Monnett insisted that the way to control the trusts was to control the transportation companies, which he thought the courts could do. And if the courts could not do this, the charters of the roads should be taken from them. "The government had no more right to permit discrimination or other abuses by the railroad companies in the interest of monopolies than it had to permit counterfeiting. Speaking of the earnings of the oil trust, Mr. Monnett estimated that the gross receipts were \$120,000,000 a year on the Ohio product alone, and he said that it was all profit over 4 cents a gallon on refined oil."

### THE FLAG OVER KOWLOON.

Chinese Garrison Quietly Give Up Their Arms and Fifty Soldiers Keep the Peace.

Hongkong, May 16.—Part of the British troops sent into the disturbed territory near here have returned, after taking possession of Kowloon city. The Chinese garrison was disarmed, the British flag was hoisted without disturbance, and 50 men of the Welsh regiment were left to garrison the place. No news has been received from the hinterland expedition.

### PROFITS IN RUBBER.

Two and a Half Millions of Undivided Earnings in One Company's Treasury.

New York, May 16.—The seventh annual meeting of the United States Rubber Co. was held at New Brunswick, N. J., to-day. The report of Charles R. Flint, treasurer, showed that the undivided earnings in the treasury of the manufacturing company composing the concern now amounted to \$2,488,364. The surplus for the year was \$823,522, as compared with \$108,913 on March 31, 1898. The manufacturing company earned during the year \$438,871 in excess of dividends paid.

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## Dodging A Scandal

Mr. Sifton Avoids Investigation of a Queer Transaction in Manitoba.

No Insolvency Bill If Provinces Look After Bankrupts' Estates.

Out of Date Colonels Retired at a Sweep—Office for Ex-M. P.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 16.—The whole of to-day's sitting of the Commons was consumed in the discussion of the Manitoba election cases, Sir Hibbert Tupper charging the government with designedly delaying the meeting of the public accounts committee in order to prevent proper investigation. Vigorous speeches were made by Messrs. Foster, Sproule and Wallace. Dr. Borden and Mr. McMullen made a lame defence, and then under the taunts of the opposition Sir Louis Davies attempted to break the force of Sir Hibbert Tupper's charges.

### No Insolvency Bill.

The Premier announced that there would be no insolvency bill this session if, as understood, the provinces were going to adopt measures to provide for the distribution of the assets of insolvent estates.

### Place for Ex-Member.

Warden Metcalfe has been retired from the charge of Kingston penitentiary and will be succeeded by Dr. Platt, ex-M. P. for Prince Edward county.

### Colonels Mustered Out.

The important announcement is made from the militia department that commanding officers whose tenure of office is up or who have reached the age limit are to consider themselves on leave of absence, pending official action as announced in the Canada Gazette.

### Minor Notes.

Entrance examinations for admission to the Royal Military College will be held at the headquarters of the several military districts commencing Tuesday, June 13.

Permission has been granted two companies of the New York National Guard to visit Kingston on May 24.  
Dr. Borden, minister of militia has granted the Conservatives of Toronto permission to hold the Macdonald memorial demonstration on June 6 in the armories in the event of wet weather.

### A WOMAN'S MANY CRIMES.

Murder, Kidnapping and Forgery Proved and Fifteen Years in Siberia Her Punishment.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—A trial which has caused a great sensation here, owing to the high station of the prisoner, has just been concluded. The evidence disclosed that the accused, Maria Merschwizka, a woman of noble birth, had led an extraordinary career of intrigue and crime. The court found her guilty of poisoning her lover and two women, owing to jealousy, with kidnapping a child, and with forging documents and bills of exchange. She was sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude in Siberia, and to be deprived of her title of nobility.

### A DEWEY BLOWOUT.

New York Aldermen Borrowing a Large Amount for the Occasion.

New York, May 16.—The council this afternoon adopted the resolution passed previously by the board of aldermen, providing for the issue of bonds to the amount of \$150,000, to pay the expenses in connection with the proposed celebration of the arrival of Admiral Dewey.

### STREET RAILWAY FARES.

Four-cent Ordinance of Cleveland Council Held to Have Been Illegal.

Cleveland, O., May 16.—Judge Rocks of the United States circuit court to-day decided in favor of the street railways in the legal battle over the low fare ordinances passed by the city council several months ago. The court sustained the railways in their claim that the ordinances were in contravention of the constitution. The ordinances required the street car companies to carry passengers for 4 cents, with universal transfers.

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# British Officers In a Tight Place.

## Transvaal Detectives Claims to Have Evidence That Suspects' Business in The Rand Was to Per- fect Plans for Rebellion

## Ranks From Colonel Down to Sergeant Represented in the Eight Arrests—British Agent Expresses Regret to President Kruger.

## Mr. Chamberlain Says He Is Taken by Surprise—The London Press Dwells on the Great Provocation to Armed Resistance.

By Associated Press.

Pretoria, May 16.—The British agent and charge d'affaires, Mr. Conyngham Green, had an interview with President Kruger this afternoon, and expressed regret that men who had worn the Queen's uniform should be concerned in such a movement as that for which the arrests of British officers have been made. President Kruger replied that he would not believe that the prisoners were Britishers until it had been proved. He added that he hoped the affair would not interfere with the proposed meeting between himself and Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa.

The officers arrested are eight in number, instead of seven, as previously cable. They are: Captain Patterson, formerly of the Lancers; Col. R. P. Nichols, Lieut. B. J. Tremlett, C. A. Willis, lately a private detective at Johannesburg, Lieut. John Allen, formerly of the Horse Artillery, Quartermaster Mitchell, former Sergeant Fries and former Sergt. P. R. Hooper. None of them have been in the employ of the British South Africa Chartered Company. It is said that the commissioners of police who had the affair in hand have been working on the case for months. Mr. Beatty, the detective who effected the arrests received his instructions last week and secured the necessary warrants yesterday. The executive of the Transvaal is sitting in secret session this evening, considering the arrests.

Capetown, May 16.—According to advices from Pretoria, the charge against the prisoners is that while staying in

the Rand privately they were really engaged in enlisting men for the purpose of rebellion when they were ready to give the signal. It is said that the enlistment roster included 2,000 men, and that a number of incriminating documents were found at the time the arrests were made.

London, May 16.—Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, who was interviewed in the lobby of the House of Commons this evening, said he had heard nothing officially regarding the arrests in the Transvaal, and did not think that too serious significance ought to be attached to them. No information had reached him from South Africa, he asserted, that could lead him in any way to anticipate or explain the arrests.

The news caused considerable excitement among members of the House of Commons, but little disposition was manifested to credit the rumors of a rebellious conspiracy.

All the morning papers devote their principal editorials to the arrests in the Transvaal, counselling a postponement of any conclusion until the facts of the case are ascertained, and declining to believe that English officers or subjects have been guilty of what the Standard terms "such treacherous folly."

The Daily Mail says: "The conditions are that of a boiler with furnaces at full blast and safety valves screwed down. No conspiracy can flourish while freedom exists and the Kruger policy will inevitably produce resistance."

## DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Special to the Colonist.

Deserters at Halifax.

Halifax, May 16.—Desertions are occurring almost daily from the First Leinster regiment, stationed here. Five privates have departed within the past week, four of the number on Friday. Men of nearly every corps in the garrison and several sailors from H. M. S. Comus, Alert and Buzzard have deserted within the past few months.

Bad for Cattle Shippers.

Montreal, May 16.—The anticipated advance in prices on the Liverpool and London markets for Canadian cattle has not materialized at present, and the tone of cable advices is anything but encouraging.

Andree's Cousin.

Montreal, May 16.—Andree's cousin, who left for British Columbia last evening, questioned with regard to the probability of the explorer being found alive, said the family had about given up hope of ever seeing him again. It is Andree's opinion that his cousin has been lost in the fogs of the Arctic ocean.

Bridging Niagara.

Montreal, May 16.—The Grand Trunk company has decided to build another mammoth railway bridge over the Niagara river at Buffalo. It is expected work will begin next year.

Quite a Catch.

Montreal, May 16.—Narcisso Picotte, reputed to be one of the wealthiest French-Canadians in Dawson City, where he has been settled for some time, was married yesterday at the Bishop's Palace to Miss Rita Van Hatten. Picotte is said to be worth \$500,000.

Two Drowned.

Trenton, May 16.—Four men, Elias Weeks, Edward Chase, John Elberg and Gilbert Horner, were crossing in a sailboat from Weller's Bay to Brighton when the boat capsized and filled. Two of them were drowned. The others were found last evening, but both may die.

Debt Worried Him.

Guelp, May 16.—Alexander Whitehead, aged 19, of Pilkington, despondent through debt, put two bullets into his head. He is still alive, the weapon used being small calibre.

The Bank Robbers.

Toronto, May 16.—Several men have been arrested at Tweed on suspicion of being implicated in the Bowmanville bank robbery, and two other men at Peterboro' as suspicious characters. Some standard bank bills were found on the Peterboro' suspects.

No Criminals Bagged.

Toronto, May 16.—For the first time in 30 years there were no criminal cases at the assizes opened here to-day. The Ponton case has been postponed till fall.

Valuable Water Power.

Toronto, May 16.—Negotiations for the surrender of the monopoly held by the Canadian-Niagara Power Co. have been concluded. The agreement is likely to be ratified by the Ontario government. The company agree to abandon the monopoly at an annual rental of \$25,000 in return for concessions which will enable them to use a portion of the power at a good rental.

Flour Mill Burned.

Brantford, May 16.—The White mill, one of the oldest and largest flour mills in the county of Brant, was burned this afternoon. Loss, \$25,000.

Ontario Legislature.

Merlin, May 16.—Brethel, Liberal, and Dr. Lachner, Conservative, were nominated to-day for the North Waterloo vacancy in the legislature.

Peg Leg's Last Day.

London, May 16.—Peg-Leg Brown, the murderer of Constable Twoly, will be executed here to-morrow. Radcliff, the hangman, will officiate. Brown says he is ready to die, and it is understood he will confess everything. He was greatly overcome when told that there would be no commutation of his sentence.

Loosely Kept Gao.

Winnipeg, May 16.—Guzzak, the Galician murderer, made an attempt to escape from Winnipeg gaol yesterday morning. He had made a ladder from the towels in his cell and was preparing to drop from a hole made through the bricks in the wall. He is under sentence of death.

One Wife Too Many.

Winnipeg, May 16.—A. H. Delaney, of Crystal City, was under arrest here charged with bigamy, having wedded No. 2 in this province while No. 1 was still alive in Ontario.

Eaton Moving Westward.

Winnipeg, May 16.—It is reported that Eaton & Co. of Toronto will erect a mammoth departmental store here.

Twelve Thousand Voters.

Winnipeg, May 16.—The time limit for registration of voters of the province expired to-day. There will be nearly 12,000 names on the Winnipeg lists.

Obituary.

Winnipeg, May 16.—R. R. Brough, assistant postmaster of Winnipeg since 1882, died this evening, after a lengthy illness, aged 54. The deceased was a son of the late Archdeacon Brough, of London, Ont.

Stratford, May 16.—Joseph Carlin, a teacher, suicided to-day.

Toronto, May 16.—Andrew Slater, aged 84, and James C. Campbell, aged 80, are dead. Both have resided here about 70 years.

Personal.

Winnipeg, May 16.—Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney of British Columbia arrived in the city to-day, en route to Montreal.

John Dick, of this city, left to-day for Vancouver, where he will join a party bound for Dawson City. T. D. McFarlane, of Brandon, H. E. Boyer, of St. Louis, T. Muir, of Douglas, and a number of Eastern gentlemen will be included in the party, which leaves on the 20th.

Rev. C. C. Owen, assistant rector of Holy Trinity church, left to-day for London, Ont., to take up his residence.

TELEGRAPH TO DAWSON.

Ottawa, May 16.—In the house, in answer to Colonel Prior, Sir Louis Davies said that the Department of Public Works had received a communication from the Commercial Telegraph Co., stating their readiness to go ahead with the work of constructing a telegraph line from Skagway to Dawson. The Government, however, had commenced construction of the line over the same route. Lord Strathcona telegraphed that the Commercial Company's means were ample.

THE FRASER ALL RIGHT.

Lilloet, May 16.—The river is at a standstill. The weather continues cool.

## Ludgate Is Now Enjoined

## Supreme Court Puts Check Upon Further Disregard of Property Rights.

## Half the Council With the Mayor—A Mill Hand Drowned.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 16.—Theodore Ludgate was about to start work on Deadman's island again to-day when served with an injunction obtained by Attorney-General Martin from Chief Justice McColl, restraining him from cutting timber on the island until Wednesday afternoon next. A continuation of the injunction will be moved for to-morrow afternoon, when new developments are expected.

At the meeting of the city council last night, a motion to rescind a former resolution empowering the mayor to do as he thought best to protect the interests of the city re Deadman's island, was defeated by the mayor's casting vote, so that a city policeman will still be kept on the island.

Municipal Affairs.

The council has decided to submit a by-law to the people for the purchase for \$15,000 of 17 lots on the water front at English Bay, the property of C. G. Major. The city would convert the lots into a summer bathing beach. At the suggestion of the Trades and Labor Council, a committee from the council will visit upon Mr. McPherson, tailor, and remind him that if he is employing alien labor in filling the city contract for police uniforms, he is breaking the law. The Trades and Labor Council have by this move strengthened the hands of the striking tailors.

Summons applications for cinder paths for bicycles are before the council, which has decided to apply for an amendment to the charter authorizing the city to tax bicycles, and to build no more cinder paths until this power is secured.

Young Man Drowned.

Charles A. May, 18 years old, son of Chief Engineer May of Tait's shingle mills, was drowned to-day, slipping from a boom of logs into shallow water. He was rendered unconscious owing to his head striking a log in falling.

A Conductor's Suit.

The full court is in session to-day, hearing the appeal in the case of Conductor Woods, injured on the O. P. R. by his foot catching in long grass between the rails while coupling cars.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Presbyterian Synod Asks Help for Sabbath Observance and Pro-vineal Prohibition.

Nanaimo, May 16.—To-day the Methodist conference session was occupied with reports of committees. The Sabbath school committee reported a large increase in attendance and recommended the organization of Sunday morning schools and the home department. A warm discussion took place regarding the purchase of school supplies from the book room. Several accusations of partiality in discrimination were directed against the book steward. It was resolved to make Dr. Briggs acquainted with the feelings of the brethren, and seek a fuller understanding.

The resolution re address to Louis Gosnell, native representative at Port Simpson, was interpreted by Rev. T. Crosby for the benefit of Mr. Gosnell. The church property committee recommended that permission be granted for the sale of properties in New Westminster and Vancouver.

The report of the sustentation fund, aroused the enthusiasm of the conference. Appeals for aid were so pressing that the committee made appropriations in accordance with the needs, only to find that the fund was short in the neighborhood of \$37. The committee was in a dilemma when Rev. A. E. Brown generously subscribed enough to make up the deficiency.

Rev. W. B. Cummings, representing the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia, presented the greetings of the synod. It was intimated that the brethren of the Presbyterian synod sought the co-operation of the conference on behalf of questions of Sabbath observance and the enactment of provincial prohibitory laws.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, May 16.—Walter M. Buss and Miss Florence McDonald, of this city, were married last evening.

The steamship Titania arrived this evening from San Francisco for coal.

The steamship Wellington arrived at Departure Bay last night for coal.

The steamship Willamette sailed to-night for San Francisco.

THE CUP DEFENDER.

New York, May 16.—Oliver Iven said to-day that it had been decided to launch Columbia, the new America's cup defender, on June 8.

AN EARL KILLED.

London, May 16.—The Earl of Stafford, who married Mrs. Samuel Colgate in Grace Church, New York, last December, was instantly killed this evening at Potter's Bar by the Cambridge express.

RAILROAD MAN'S DEATH.

Portland, Me., May 16.—John Burton, a prominent railroad man, and for some time general freight agent of the Grand Trunk railway at Montreal, died to-day of Bright's disease at Penikese Island. He was 58 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

THE GRAIN BLOCKADE.

Chicago, May 16.—Shippers were begging for boats to take grain to Buffalo to-day, but vessel men will not hear of sending any ships to that point until the strike is in better shape.

TUESDAY'S LEAGUE BALL.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 15; New York, 5.

At Washington—Washington, 4; Boston, 8.

At Brooklyn—Philadelphia, 5; Brooklyn, 6.

At Pittsburgh—Pittsburg, 9; Chicago, 10.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 9; Louisville, 6.

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QUEER FOLK BY SHIPLOAD.

Fresh Apprehension That the Galician and Donkhor Business is Being Overdone.

Toronto, May 16.—A special cable to the Globe says 1,000 Galicians are on their way to Canada on the steamer Phenicia, and another 1,000 are on the point of sailing. The tide of European immigration seems turned very strongly towards the Dominion; in fact some authorities profess to think it may prove embarrassing by being too large.

Montreal, May 16.—A special cable says On May 12, 2,975 Donkhorbs left Batoum on the steamer Lake Huron for Quebec, under arrangements made by the Canadian Pacific railway. This makes 7,000 of these people who have left for the Canadian Northwest during the past few months.

ANTICOSTI ISLAND.

Nothing for the Imperial Government to Do in This Matter.

London, May 16.—The secretary of state for the colonies, replying in the House of Commons to-day to a question put by Mr. James F. Hogan, anti-Parliamentary, who asked for information regarding the Anticosti Island question, explained that the matter was before the courts and that the government did not contemplate any action in the case.

CIRCUS TENT COLLAPSES.

Cyclone Brings It Down Upon Crowd but No Fatalities Result.

Akron, O., May 16.—A cyclone struck this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The storm struck the tents of Main's circus, and they collapsed upon the crowd. Policemen had hard work to prevent a panic, but without injuries.

At Canal Fulton the wall of a school house was blown in and nine pupils were injured, some of them quite seriously.

AMERICA'S DEBUT.

Participation in Peace Conference May Lead to Intervention in All European Questions.

London, May 16.—The Rome correspondent of the Times says: "Signor Crispi writes to the Nuova Antologia that the arguments of the Vatican in favor of representation at The Hague are untenable, as the Pope has neither army nor fleet. The invitation to the United States he considers important, as the South American governments have not been invited. He believes that the appearance of the United States in the European council will be followed by their intervention in all European questions. The conference, he declares, will avoid but will eliminate causes for quarrel. It will regulate but not destroy the germs of wars."

HENRY IRVING'S ILLNESS.

Subject of Regretful Remark at a Swell Function in London.

London, May 16.—In opening a cafe chantant at the Hotel Cecil this evening in aid of the British Nurses' Association, Mr. Wyndham, the manager of the Criterion Theatre, referring to Sir Henry Irving, said: "Others as well as myself regret that he is absent to-day. To myself, who have been associated with him for a lifetime, it is a wrench, which, however temporary, is a bitter one."

The function, which proved to be one of the most brilliant of the season, was attended by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duke of Marlborough.

Mrs. Pina-Potter and Mr. Frank Lawton took part in the programme.

A BARONET'S POVERTY.

London, May 16.—Sir Thomas O'Connor Moore, 11th baronet, who succeeded his father, Sir Richard Moore, in 1882, has been ejected from his lodgings owing to his inability to pay a shilling for a week's accommodation. The heir to the title is his brother Stephen, now living abroad.

AN EARL KILLED.

London, May 16.—The Earl of Stafford, who married Mrs. Samuel Colgate in Grace Church, New York, last December, was instantly killed this evening at Potter's Bar by the Cambridge express.

RAILROAD MAN'S DEATH.

Portland, Me., May 16.—John Burton, a prominent railroad man, and for some time general freight agent of the Grand Trunk railway at Montreal, died to-day of Bright's disease at Penikese Island. He was 58 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

THE GRAIN BLOCKADE.

Chicago, May 16.—Shippers were begging for boats to take grain to Buffalo to-day, but vessel men will not hear of sending any ships to that point until the strike is in better shape.

TUESDAY'S LEAGUE BALL.

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## A PROTEST.

We do not know who was responsible for the statement made on Deadman's Island that if the men did not cease cutting timber in 30 minutes the officers would shoot them down, but we wish to enter an emphatic protest against this being regarded as a lawful threat. We know that in the Western states an idea prevails that an officer of the law has a right to shoot persons who venture to disobey his orders. In consequence of this men have been killed, when the only offense against the law of which they had been guilty was something punishable by a trivial fine. "The gun" is not a process known to British law, and we object most strongly to anything calculated to give a contrary impression.

A question was raised in the Maritime provinces some years ago as to the right of penitentiary guards to shoot an escaping prisoner, who ran away one day when at work with some others outside of the penitentiary grounds. Fortunately, the man was not hit, but the question was raised as to the right of a guard to endeavor to shoot him. There was no legal decision on the point, for the matter did not come into court, but the best opinion was that the guard had no right to sentence the escaping prisoner to death, and inflict the penalty with his own hands.

We are far from saying that cases do not arise where an officer is justified in using force, even to the extent of causing the death of a person under arrest or seeking to avoid arrest; but we do say that every other expedient ought first to be exhausted. But some will say that unless the officer making the arrests at Deadman's Island had threatened to shoot he would have been unable to stop the work. Let that be granted. It would have been his duty in such a case to withdraw and return with sufficient force to render resistance useless. What is the Posse Comitatus for if not to overawe those who propose to resist the execution of the process of the courts. But we shall not argue the matter any further. Our only desire is to enter an emphatic protest against the introduction of "gun law" into British Columbia.

## MR. MARTIN'S POSITION.

Even Attorney-General Martin himself must feel that he has made a very serious blunder in the Deadman's Island affair, and it is said that in politics a blunder is worse than a crime. When the Colonist drew Mr. Martin's attention to his anomalous position it was met with the curtest possible reply, and more than one of the newspapers which support him expressed the view that the Colonist had even then been treated much better than it deserved. We are not now concerned specially with any differences which may exist between Mr. Martin and his colleagues, nor with the manner in which he and Mr. Cotton will settle their differences before the electors of Vancouver. Our business is with Mr. Martin, the first law officer of the crown in British Columbia, the person to whom the people of this province look first for the protection of their rights. It is immaterial that he is now acting on behalf of the province, and displaying an amount of zeal suggestive of a desire to cover up his previous actions. If he had done his duty in the first place, all the unpleasantness attending Mr. Ludgate's arrest would never have occurred.

It was clearly Mr. Martin's duty as attorney-general, when he heard that the Dominion government had granted Mr. Ludgate a lease, to inquire as to the rights of the province to the premises. We suppose there was not a man in the province, professional or layman, who gave the subject a moment's serious consideration, without the question arising in his mind as to how the Dominion ob-

tained any right to deal with the matter at all. It was certainly Mr. Martin's business to think of this. That is the sort of work he is paid for. Instead of this, we find him championing the claims of the Dominion lessee, and either willfully abstaining or wholly neglecting to examine into the rights of the province, leaving his duty in this regard to be performed by one of his colleagues, who is not a lawyer. We have him, even after the right of the province has been asserted in spite of his neglect, continuing to act against the interests of the province, until he found himself forced to choose between doing his duty and resigning his office. Then we see him taking the most extreme course known to the law, and his officers threatening to constitute themselves judges, jurors and executioners, and shoot down anyone who refused to obey his orders in his new capacity.

We ask the people of British Columbia if their interests can be regarded as safe in the hands of such a man. We say without fear of successful contradiction that this Deadman's Island affair shows Mr. Martin to be unfit to be entrusted with the responsible position of attorney-general. His conduct in this regard is the culmination of a series of extraordinary acts, exhibiting such recklessness, wrong-headedness and disregard of public opinion that his continuance in office is a grave scandal. His arbitrary conduct towards the whole public service, his usurpation of the discretion vested in the ancient and honorable office of coroner, his interference with the provincial police in defiance of all the lessons taught by the experience of years, his hasty and blundering legislation, his coarse, vulgar and tyrannical conduct toward members of the legislature, and his utter disregard of public opinion stamp him as a dangerous man, whose presence in a government is a source of peril to the best interests of the province.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Scarcely a letter appears in the Colonist in regard to either of the proposed improvements now attracting public attention but some one asks why the writer did not sign his name. We think it would be well if every one who writes on these subjects would append his signature to his letter for publication. It is really the only fair plan. We have in mind one letter, the writer of which was as wholly independent of the project which he advocated as any can be, whose interests, indeed, lie wholly in another direction. His letter was criticised because it was said to have been inspired by the promoters of one of the projects. This is apt to be the case with all anonymous writers, so that justice is done to the writers as well as to the promoters. Some people hesitate about writing over their own signatures, because they are not property holders. This is not a valid reason. It is a most absurd notion to suppose that the only people who are interested in the proposed improvements are the property holders, or that the only persons whose opinions are of value are those who happen to own a piece of land. We urge that all letters be over the names of the writers, but we do not wish to be understood as declining to publish any that are not.

It will occur to most people that the injunction against Mr. Ludgate was the proper proceeding in the first instance, instead of his arrest on a criminal charge.

Is not the Toronto Telegram rather fulsome when it says that the genius of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made Canada a nation? Sir Wilfrid will be inclined to think the Toronto paper is poking fun at him.

The Colonist joins with its contemporaries in all parts of the province in an expression of a hope that the visit of the Canadian Press Association will be made an occasion long to be remembered.

The latest news from the Transvaal is somewhat alarming, but there is room for hope that the forthcoming conference between the British High Commissioner and President Kruger may lead to an amicable settlement.

London society has taken to fencing, and the graceful art is not absorbed by men. Indeed, the women are taking it up quite as earnestly as the male sex, and it is said that they are showing themselves wonderfully proficient at it.

It is an open question whether the Dominion government has acted wisely in taking the construction of the Dawson telegraph line out of the hands of a private company, but we suppose there can hardly be any doubt about the profitability of the project.

It is now claimed that by applying the principle of wireless telegraphy it is possible to devise a means whereby the powder magazines in a warship may be blown up from a distance of several miles. This is another argument for the Czar's peace conference.

Most people will agree with Sir Wilfrid Laurier that "good taste and good sense" must determine the length of a speech in parliament. It would never do to place a time limit upon speakers. This does not mean that the house ought never to protect itself from bores or obstructionists.

Spokane papers speak of large camps of men in the woods to the north of Coeur d'Alene, consisting of refugees from the scene of the late mining outrages. We mentioned the other day, on the authority of a Nelson paper, that many of these people were coming from the south by train. It is very clear that energetic steps will be needed to safe-

guard Kootenay from these invaders, who come at an inopportune time because of the eight-hour law.

With the opening of the Ute reservation a week or more ago, the last piece of vacant free land in the United States was put within the reach of settlers. There are of course isolated tracts all over the West, which may be preempted, but there are no more large areas. With this ends the first chapter of the history of that country. The land question has been growing more and more acute from year to year, and there is no possible chance of improvement. Naturally we ought to expect Canada's vast acreage of fertile soil to be much more in request than ever.

Referring to the concession for the erection of a grand stand in Beacon Hill park for the benefit of those desiring to sit down during the fireworks display on the Twenty-fourth, it may be well to mention that grave doubt exists as to the right of the City Council to give any such permission or the right of the holder of the privilege to collect any charge from persons occupying the stand.

The withdrawal of Thomas B. Reed from politics will have an important influence upon the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Reed was Speaker of that body for three terms, and he succeeded in centering in his office a degree of authority quite unlike that ever enjoyed by any of his predecessors, and radically different to that exercised by the Speakers of British legislatures. In the latter, the Speaker is supposed to be strictly a non-partisan presiding officer. He is the nominee of the party in power, but is supposed to know no distinction between parties in the exercise of his duties, and the cases are exceptional where he disappoints what is expected of him in this regard. Mr. Reed, however, converted the Speakership into a partisan office, and virtually made it the seat of a party dictator. A man of great ability and impressive personality, he was able to do this to a degree which those who are only accustomed to the parliamentary customs of the British Empire can hardly appreciate.

In his speech on the Drummond County railway resolution, the Minister of Railways made the prediction that the current year's business on the Intercolonial would not only show a surplus, but that it would be larger than all the other surpluses in the history of the road. Mr. Blair attributes this in part to the fact that the Intercolonial runs directly into Montreal, but we fancy the chief reason must be the general improvement in business all over the country. The Intercolonial has, first and last, been a very expensive property to Canada, and when the Minister talks about a surplus, he does not mean that the road is paying the interest on its cost. The Intercolonial was a part of the original terms of confederation. Without it neither Nova Scotia nor New Brunswick could have been induced to enter the union with old Canada. It was a very expensive road, its average cost per mile having been about \$40,000, although for the greater part of its length it runs through exceptionally easy country. As much was not known about railway building in those days as now, and material was much more costly. From a commercial point of view, the road was wrongly located, but Imperial considerations were responsible for this, the idea being that as a military road it ought to be as far as possible from the United States frontier.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

The situation in the Philippines leads the Revelstoke Herald to remark that Spain did a pretty good stroke of business when she sold that "bunch of belligerence" for \$20,000,000.

The Columbian recommends Deadman's Island as a health resort to Mr. Tarte. We doubt its advantages in this line. That island is likely to prove mightily unhealthy for politicians.

The Kootenay Mail thinks the first step towards securing better treatment for British Columbia is to get a representative for Kootenay in parliament. Well, as this is not likely to be done this year, will not our contemporary take up the financial aspect of the matter? This is the chief thing to be discussed now.

The Spokesman-Review thinks that Spokane is to be the metropolis of the Northwest, and gives as the chief factor in bringing about such a result the immense mining area tributary to it. The greater part of the area so described is in British Columbia. We are not envious of Spokane's future, but at the same time would like to see Canadians bestir themselves so as to hold the trade of their own country.

The Kootenain says that June 12th will see many of the mines of that district closed down because of the operation of the eight-hour law, which it says is "an infringement of private rights and liberties, and a treacherous attack upon those who have in good faith invested money in mines." Our contemporary thinks there should be an immediate dissolution of the legislature. If the legislature is to be dissolved every time the legislation permitted by the present government is found unworkable or injurious to the country, we will have elections once a week.

The Nelson Miner thinks the conduct of Mr. Martin in the Deadman's Island matter "if not scandalous is too perilously close to it to be satisfactory to the people whom Mr. Martin as minister is supposed to serve." The Miner then refers to Mr. Pooley's connection with

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Three Minor Cases.—Three minor cases were last that Magistrate Hall had to deal with in the police court yesterday, the offenders including one wheelman who had ridden in forbidden paths, one woman charged with drunkenness (who did not appear, and will now be arrested on warrant), and Frank Smith, alleged to have violated the Hawkers and Peddlars' by-law. The latter case was further adjourned.

A Naval Ball.—The officers of H. M. fleet, now stationed at Esquimalt, are entertaining their civilian friends at a ball to be given in the sail loft in the naval yard to-morrow evening. A large number of invitations have been issued, and to meet the convenience of the guests the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. have promised to run special cars from Esquimalt, with a fare to any point within the city limits of 25 cents, or beyond the limits, 50 cents.

Teachers Compare Notes.—A most interesting session of the Victoria Teachers' Institute was held a few evenings ago in the South Park school, Miss Annie B. Fraser, B. A., of the Cadboro Bay school contributing a carefully prepared paper on "Junior History," and Mr. J. J. Stephenson of the Boys' Central following with a paper on "Language Lessons." Both of these essays were highly interesting, and well discussed by the members of the institute.

We will give you just what your doctor orders when your prescriptions are left with us. Pure drugs and of the finest quality. F. W. Pawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

A Question of Right.—His Worship the Mayor, with the members of the park committee, yesterday visited Beacon Hill park in company with the representatives of the Messrs. Hand, and selected a location for the grand stand proposed to be erected by Messrs. Wilby & Co. From this it is to be presumed that the desired permission will be granted, and that the two enterprising gentlemen will erect their stand and collect 25 cents each from those who desire a good place from which to view the fireworks. The action taken in this matter does not by any means command unanimous approval in the city, if expressions heard on the streets are a fair index. Many deem it outrageous that it is outrageous for an exhibition to be provided with citizens' subscriptions, and private individuals reap a harvest therefrom by selling seats in the public park from which the show may best be viewed. Others go so far as to question the legal right of the Mayor and council to grant the request, and to as-

sert that if the collection of an admission to the stand is resisted—on the ground that it is on public property—the law will support them.

Trades and Labor.—A meeting of the Trades and Labor Council is to be held this evening in Sir William Wallace hall.

Clearing House.—The Victoria clearing house returns for the week ending yesterday were \$531,212.92; balances, \$138,802.63.

Directors to Meet.—A regular meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital is to be held to-morrow evening at the usual place and hour.

Mr. Bowden's Benefit.—A benefit concert for Mr. W. P. Bowden is to be held at the A. O. U. W. hall this (Wednesday) evening, for which an admirable programme of musical and literary character has been prepared.

Be Prompt.—Those citizens who have received invitations to attend this evening's meeting at the Board of Trade rooms are especially urged to be prompt in attending, as the elevator closes down at 8:15, sharp.

A Change of Scene.—The ball of the Victoria Cricket Club, originally announced to be held at the A. O. U. W. hall, will be held instead at Assembly hall, this change of scene being necessitated by the large sale of tickets.

Will Visit Atlin.—It is announced that Lieutenant-Governor Melnes will this summer pay a visit to the Atlin district, to personally observe the conditions prevailing there. He will leave Victoria early in June, and may be accompanied by Hon. J. Fred. Hume, minister of mines, who also intends to visit the district.

Provincial Convention.—At New Westminster to-morrow there will be opened a convention of the Epworth Leagues and Sabbath schools of the Methodist churches of the province. The Metropolitan church will be represented by Mrs. Yeo, Miss Gardiner, Miss Clarke, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Browne, and the Centennial church by Rev. Mr. Barraclough and Mrs. Gordon Grant.

Mr. Smith's Funeral.—The funeral of the late W. B. Smith took place from Hanna's parlors yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the services and the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. William McKay, W. W. Thomas, L. Anderson, G. F. Vatsky, A. Mortimore and W. Brainer. The members of the Stonecutters' Union attended in a body and followed in carriages to the cemetery.

Lots of Entries.—The Indians of the neighboring reserves are busy getting their racing canoes in shape for Victoria's regatta a week from to-morrow—an event which they eagerly look forward to. Chief Michael Cooper has received information that two or more crews will come from Lummi, Port Madison, La Conner and Snohomish, on the American coast, and from San Juan and other West Coast villages, Sooke, Discovery, Cooper Island shrdl emfwyp toomwmyw Kuper Island, Clemendiltz and Cowichan, on this side of the line.

Want Higher Prices.—A meeting of Northern Indians was held recently at Fort Rupert to discuss the question of demanding a higher price for fish from the Rivers' Inlet canners. Last year they received but 6 cents, and this year some wished to demand 12 cents, but they compromised at 8 cents. A correspondent writes that the Indians had the best salmon season in the history of that industry. Chief Wannuck of Fort Rupert has sold his "comper" for the price of 5,000 blankets, two young chiefs being the purchasers.

A Serious Mistake.—Through the double foolishness of keeping various bottles (including poisons) on his dressing stand, and taking chances of getting the one wanted in the dark, Hiram West, a confining man, residing at one of the Johnson street hotels, was brought very close to death on Monday evening. He had had a cold and sore throat for several days, and had obtained a simple remedy at the druggists, the bottle containing which he stood on the table near his bed on retiring. Feeling his throat painful during the night, he reached for the supposed remedy, and got by mistake a bottle containing carbolic acid. As soon as the poison was in his mouth, West realized his mistake. It was not soon enough, however, to save his mouth a bad burning.

Children's Celebration.—The committee having in charge the school children's Queen's Birthday celebration met yesterday afternoon and arranged a programme. The pupils of the several schools will assemble shortly before 2 o'clock in front of the South Park school, whence, headed by a band, they will march to the Caledonia grounds, and past a reviewing stand. The parade will be dismissed after singing "God Save the Queen," and a competitive drill between companies of boys from each of the schools will take place. After this there will be a programme of sports, embracing twenty-five events to be followed by a football match. Suitable prizes will be given. The lieutenant governor is to be asked to distribute the prizes and make a short address to the children.

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Travelling For Pleasure

First Big Crowd of the Season Arrived From the Orient Yesterday.

Steamer Amur to Run From Seattle During the Celebration.

The Royal Mail steamship Empress of India, Capt. O. P. Marshall, reached quarantine before daylight yesterday morning with 140 saloon passengers, 450 Asiatics, and a very large cargo, chiefly of tea, rice and silks. Of this latter commodity she had 150 tons, destined for New York. The passenger list was by far the largest of any incoming Empress for many months, and goes to indicate that the tide of travel, usually heavy in the summer months, has again set in. There were few of the first-class passengers landed here, those who were including Mr. and Mrs. E. Dieckman, who are going to San Francisco, and Major-General and Mrs. Jones Vaughan, who departed to spend a few days in Victoria before continuing their trip to Europe. Another passenger aboard the steamer was W. Ross Munroe, a cousin of Mr. Ross Munroe of this city. Of the 450 ecclesiastics brought by the ship, 100 will remain here, while the others will proceed to Portland, the cities of the Sound and San Francisco.

WILL RUN TO SEATTLE.  
Steamer Amur Will Handle Excursion Business During the Celebration.

The Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company have made arrangements to run the steamship Amur to Seattle during the Queen's Birthday celebration, leaving Seattle every morning at 9 o'clock and arriving in Victoria at 3:45 p.m., returning to Seattle at 4:45 the same day. The company will issue round-trip tickets good for return on any trip until Saturday, May 27, for single fare—\$2.50.

The company are making arrangements to have a band in attendance on some if not all the trips. The first trip leaves Victoria May 22 at 4:45 p.m., round trips being made every day until Saturday, May 27.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co. are representing the company in Seattle and Tacoma, and everything points to a large crowd to take part in the Queen's Birthday celebration.

The steamer has just been overhauled and painted, and a pleasant trip is promised to all who have time to take part in the excursion.

Tickets will be sold at their office, 39 Government street, and at the wharf. The steamer leaves here on May 19, taking passengers and freight to Seattle only.

THE MERMAID HOME.  
Second Most Successful Sealer of the Season Arrives From Sea.

The schooner Mermaid, Capt. Le Blanc, which holds second place in the sealing fleet this year, having the largest catch but one, arrived home yesterday morning. Capt. Le Blanc had not intended going to the Copper island coast, as previously reported, and has come home to prepare for the Behring Sea cruise. Her catch for the season amounted to 1,318 skins.

The City of Topeka had 119 passengers leaving here for the North yesterday morning. Louis Sloss, of San Francisco, manager of the Alaska Commercial Co., was a passenger, and it is expected that as a result of his trip some changes will be made in the manner of conducting the company's business.

Other passengers were J. M. Wilson, superintendent of the Yukon district for that company, and Jack McQuestin, a pioneer.

Tug Lorne returned from the Cape yesterday, after towing the lumber-laden ship Clan Galbraith to sea from Moodyville. The ship is bound for Australia.

THE PROMENADE CONCERT.  
Thirteen Hundred People in Attendance at the Drill Hall Last Evening.

When Lieut.-Col. Gregory announced in the Drill hall last evening at the conclusion of the promenade concert in aid of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage, that the door receipts amounted to \$128.20, one of the best received numbers on the programme was given. With the admission fee at only 10 cents, it is proposed that close on 1,300 people were present, which attendance the programme given by Bandmaster Finn and his musicians well merited. It was a well arranged musical event, vocal numbers being sandwiched in with the instrumental in about the proportion of half and half. Messrs. Ives, Williams, Pilling, Kent—"The Big Four"—and Miss L. Lowen sang; a bandmaster, V. North played a cornet solo, and the band gave four or five selections. All vocalists seemed in good voice, "The Big Four" being a combination which made a "hit" in their plantation songs.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Reid is in the city on a visit.

Dr. G. L. Milne is back from a visit to Ottawa.

G. C. Mesher and wife returned last evening from the mainland.

F. C. Gamble, government engineer, came down from Vancouver yesterday.

Rev. Canon Beaudais was among the incoming board passengers on the Charmer last evening.

Capt. Robertson, the Vancouver pilot, is here to meet the Milwaukee, due to-day from Australia.

H. M. Stewart, of the local branch of the Bank of British Columbia, left last evening for England.

Mrs. Panten arrived from the Sound last evening to meet her husband, Capt. Panten, of the steamer Victoria, due from the Orient on Saturday.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, left yesterday for Comox to attend a meeting of the Farmers' Institute of that district.

Mrs. Deltomer arrived last evening from South Dakota on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Carter, with whom she will spend some time. She is accompanied by her daughter.

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GEO. L. COURNEY, Traffic Manager.

Excursion to the West.

Programme for the Trip to Be Made by Members of Canadian Mining Institute.

The secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute, Mr. B. T. A. Bell, has issued a provisional programme of the excursion of the institute to British Columbia during September.

Members will leave Montreal by C. P. R. train on Friday, September 1, being joined the following day by members from Ottawa, Toronto and Eastern points.

The party will proceed by way of Owen Sound and the Great Lakes to Fort William, leaving there on Monday, September 4, whence train will be taken for Revelstoke. It is proposed to spend Thursday, September 7, at the Banff Hot Springs, arriving at Revelstoke on Friday, September 8. Members of the institute residing west of Revelstoke will join the party at that point.

From Revelstoke the party will proceed directly to Nelson, arriving at Nelson on Saturday, September 9. It is proposed to spend three days in Nelson, and vicinity, leaving Nelson on Tuesday, September 12, for Rossland, arriving at Rossland the same day.

Two days—the 13th and 14th—will be spent in Rossland and vicinity. Friday, September 15, will be devoted to an inspection of the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail; the same day the party will leave for the Skeen, arriving at Sandon the following day—Saturday, September 16. It is proposed for a special tour to members west of Revelstoke, whence the journey will be continued south by rail, arriving at Rat Portage on Saturday, September 23.

Continuing the circular says: "If a sufficient number of members should desire to visit the Lake of the Woods district, arrangements will be made for a stay of one or two days at Rat Portage. The party will arrive in Montreal on Tuesday, September 26, at 6:25 p.m. Negotiations are pending for a special rate to members coming from the Maritime Provinces and points east to Montreal, and also for members coming from points west of Revelstoke. The railways are showing every disposition to make these rates satisfactory, and a further announcement regarding them will be made in a second circular. Arrangements are also being made for special rates to points west of Revelstoke, should any of the Eastern members desire to visit mines and mineral centres while out there. We are not now in a position to state these extra rates definitely, but we have every assurance that they will not exceed one-half the regular rates."

Sons of England.—The prizes offered by the supreme lodge of Canada, the Sons of England, to the lodges initiating the largest number of members during 1898 have both been won by British Columbia lodges. The Nelson lodge, which was organized last year and had a big charter roll, won the first prize, a large silk flag; and the second prize, an oil painting of the Queen, was won by Pride of the Island lodge, No. 131, of this city. The painting will be placed on exhibition to-day in Mr. Haynes' store, Yates street, above Douglas.

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Speaking of the 24th.

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## The Finances Of the Dominion

Liberals' Promises Contrast  
with Their Performances in Office.

Taxation Steadily Increased to  
Keep Pace With Their  
Expenditure.

Ottawa, May 6.—Men may say what they please, but we in Canada have public men as well as a country to be proud of still, even though we have lost Sir John and Sir John Thompson, and (though this matters nothing to anyone else) I am glad that I came to Ottawa, even if it were only to hear Mr. Foster speak.

I wish the country at large could see our own men as I have seen them, and could compare them with the men on the government side, could compare that sturdy old fighter, Sir Charles, "old, with the might and breath of 20 boys," with his graceful, slippery antagonist, who rarely says a foolish thing, and never does a wise one; could compare the frank impetuous charge of the young Sir Herbert with the disingenuous shiftings of Sifton; above all, I wish that the country as a whole could see the wind-bag of the present minister of finance punctured by the pitiless logic of Foster.

It was a strange coincidence that in my last letter I wrote that I would take a dose of Foster before discussing the budget speech, and that yesterday Foster himself should have precluded his speech by offering it as a "sedative dose" to the minister of finance.

The fact, I suppose, is that the government party is so obviously suffering from a surfeit of good things, which it has not stomach enough to digest, that every sound which emanates from it betrays its condition to all who have ears to hear. Yesterday the galleries were crowded, and the house itself was fairly full, the quality rather than the quantity of the audience being the salient feature of it.

The little men who don't understand, or don't care, slipped out, followed by some who do understand, but don't want to; Mr. Sifton had had enough of Foster very early in the engagement; the vast self-complacency of the penny postmaster compassed a fair measure of seeming indifference, but Mr. Fielding, though he winced a good deal under it, took his grin like a little man. Sir Richard, with half-closed eyes, smiled and smacked his lips over his enemy's good points, caring (if I judge him right) a great deal more for the prettiness of the fighting than for its result to friend or foe, whilst the man who had most at stake and brains enough to realize his danger, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, remained an intent listener from first to last, with a cloud on his brow, the shadow of coming events.

But Foster is up! A tall, slim man, with keen, aquiline face, a bit of a Scotchman to look at, and with that smile of real enjoyment playing round his lips, which is the sure indication of the true fighter, handling the weapon that he loves. Beside him sits his leader, and it is pleasant to see that there is no man in the house who appreciates more keenly, who applauds more heartily, or to whom Foster turns more readily for appreciation of his points than he does to Sir Charles.

Foster is a born fighter, and looks it. His voice is keen and as penetrating as

his logic; his action suits his words, and truly reflects his moods, and, like the rapier which he suggests he keeps always within the circle, playing close round his adversary's blade, and never becoming so discursive as to leave an opening for another man. When he is up, the house is dumb; no man ventures to interrupt the ex-minister of finance. For our side, that is a pity. An interruption means an opening to Foster, and he never misses it.

Mr. Fielding had travelled over the political history of Canada, seeking a safe spot on which to rest; Foster kept close to modern times; Fielding indulged in possibilities; Foster stuck close to fact; Fielding tried sentiment; Foster relied on common sense.

With a genial smile, Foster complimented his opponent on the excellence of the campaign document he had read, whilst suggesting that the deliverance of a finance minister in the great houses of the world was as a rule, a clear, unvarnished statement of the national housekeeping, laid, not before the electors, but before the house, a statement in which it was a point of honor to conceal nothing to glaze over nothing, but to point out the thin ice to his peers when he came to it. This, Mr. Foster pointed out, Mr. Fielding had not done.

Mr. Fielding's figures Foster frankly accepted, it was the juggling with them which he objected to, and here again I regret to say that the disingenuousness which is the characteristic feature of the present government, was abundantly manifested. Fair, straightforward fighting is, I am convinced, a thing impossible to members of the Grit party. Legerdemain, not statecraft, is their forte.

That Canada's trade today is at the highest point it ever reached, Foster admitted, and as a Canadian government in that it was the result of the nine months' policy of the present government he denied, and he prayed that if it ever fell to a lower level, that fall might be due, not to mistakes of policy, but to such world-wide causes as have created the prosperity we enjoy today.

The sources of our greatly increased prosperity, he pointed out, were our crops, our herds and our mines. Did the nine-months' policy make the grain bear an hundred-fold, he asked, where the two and three-year-old cattle which we had sold owe their existence to a policy not born when they were? Did the Minister of finance discover the gold of Klondike, or develop the silver mines of Sloan? Nay, rather could the Canada of today have taken full advantage of this era of phenomenal prosperity had it not been that during its years of office the old Liberal-Conservative party had covered the land with a network of railways, and so developed means of transportation, that when the crops and the mines came, Canada was ready to handle them?

There were two leading characteristics of Mr. Fielding's campaign document, to which Mr. Foster availed special attention, the first was that it was the most complete apology for past errors and recantation of pledges, promises and policies propounded by the Grits for the last 18 years, and the second was that it contained a most complete vindication of the policy of the Liberal-Conservative party.

And here many of us could not help exclaiming that a magnificent position Mr. Fielding's might have been if, instead of standing in his place, excused in part by the good luck which good seasons have brought in, an apostate from his own faith and that of his party, he had been able to stand there as the triumphant exponent of the virtues of that free trade to which he was pledged, but which he deserted. Perhaps it was better that the present Government should break its pledges rather than break the country, but the triumph of the old policy of the Liberal-Conservative party, is none the less marked. Even its enemies must admit it or perish.

Lightly, as if it was hardly worth while to take advantage of such an opening, Mr. Foster pointed out the discrepancy

between the jubilant note with which Mr. Fielding opened, and the note of warning with which he closed. As he quoted it, it did not seem very appropriate, but still Kipling's hackneyed "Let We Forger" had some meaning. Mr. Fielding was right. The pendulum might not always swing our way, and if it should swing the other way, it would be well not to forget what the policy of Tarte might mean to the country.

After this, Mr. Foster investigated the claim of the present government to consistency. In which connection he pointed out that the very men who, in 1896, were calling upon high heaven, before a waiting electorate, to witness that it was monstrous for any government to ask for such a sum as \$38,300,000 for such a country as Canada, now applauded their own minister of finance when he stated in the house his intention of asking an appropriation of from 43 to 44 million dollars.

So far, Mr. Foster pointed out, we had only the main estimates before us, i.e., only one section, whereas we may yet have four sections, but even with this basis upon which to form our judgment, there was ample material for thought.

The Hon. Mr. Fielding's total estimates in his first year of office amounted to \$39,098,000; in his second year to \$39,282,000; in his third year to \$40,904,814 and for the current year to \$41,508,298, "and if to this you add proportional supplementary estimates, the total amount on consolidated account alone for this year will amount to \$43,367,232, or an increase in this item alone of four million dollars in three years."

Not a bad showing for an economical party, which, by its prime minister, pledged itself when seeking power to reduce the expenditure upon consolidated account by two, three, or, according to Hon. David Mills, four millions of dollars.

Moreover the capital expenditure may be estimated at \$5,847,882, without counting railway subsidies or bounties. If you add the expenditure upon capital account to that upon consolidated account, you arrive at a sum of nearly fifty millions.

Then Mr. Foster leaned across to the government and asked the prime minister a direct question: "Did he think that he who on his way to power had promised to the people of Canada less expenditure and a policy of retrenchment, would still enjoy their confidence, when his finance minister, three years after taking office, asked them for a cool fifty millions?" The cloud on Sir Wilfrid's brow grew darker, and Mr. Fielding shifted uneasily in his seat, whilst the economical McMullen looked the other way.

A man must not even do that when Mr. Foster is on his feet.

Quick as thought he pinned McMullen, and read to him a list extract from a speech of his reported in Hansard, in which he complained that the country was paying over \$3,500,000 for the civil service; that this expenditure could be materially reduced by proper administration, but because it was a weakness of ministers in office to place friends and relations in positions, this was not done. That was then; but now, even without the supplementary estimates, the expenditure upon the civil service showed an increase of \$19,187. Would it not be well for Mr. McMullen to hold a private conference with ministers and see what could be done about their friends and their relations. This with a glance at Sir Richard Cartwright.

After this, Mr. Foster turned his attention to a table of total expenditures, admittedly accurate, and showed that whereas the total expenditure of the present government in its first year of office amounted to \$42,900,000, it would in 1898-99 have crept up to \$50,688,000 by the 1st of July, i.e., will have increased \$9,000,000 between the first and third year of the government's tenure of office.

After this, we came to a comparison of per capita expenditure, and here we lighted upon another specimen of that

disingenuousness which is my chief complaint against the present government.

The minister of finance asserted that his government had expended less per head of the population than the Liberal-Conservative administration had done, going back to '95 for his figures for comparison, and omitting any mention of the last year of his own term of office. This statement was untrue.

In 1896 the per capita expenditure of the Liberal-Conservative party was \$7.21, in 1899, on the 1st of July, it will be \$8, an increase of 79 cents per head of the population under Grit government.

This is on account of consolidated fund expenditure, but for total expenditure the difference is an increase of \$1.36 per head, made in three years by the men now in office.

Mr. Foster might fairly complain that the statement which has been sent out all over the country, that the present government had conducted its business at a less expense per capita than their predecessors, was also a false one, and one which he challenged him to substantiate by figures.

Does not this little passage prove the charge of disingenuousness against the government?

But here is another, and bear in mind that Mr. Foster is no gas-bag politician. What he asserts as fact, no man challenges. It has been his pride that he makes no statements which are not capable of proof.

The Grits are head-lining their newspapers thus: "An era of surpluses," and surpluses, like gold mines, seemed to be claimed as a discovery of the present administration. The facts on this subject are a little awkward for the Grits. Since confederation there have been no surpluses to the extent of \$41,500,000, of which \$2,500,000 are credited to Liberal administrations and \$38,900,000 are credited to our people. Of deficits, to take the other side, we find that there were 12, amounting in all to \$23,000,000, for \$9,940,000 of which our people were responsible, the rest being the result of ruin.

So far, Mr. Foster pointed out, the Liberal-Conservative government, added surpluses, 17 in number, amounting to \$38,937,000, and their deficits, seven in number, to \$16,000,000, the excess of surpluses over deficits thus amounting to \$22,937,000.

The Grits had two surpluses, amounting to \$2,638,000, and five deficits, amounting to \$6,946,000, or an excess of deficits over surpluses of \$4,288,588.

In the years of depression, whilst ruin came close to other countries, Canada, under Conservative government, added only fifteen and a half million to her debt, and during that period reduced the taxation by remitting \$19,850,000 of taxation on sugar alone, an amount sufficient to more than cover the addition to the debt piled up in that time, whilst, in spite of the magnificent showing in regard to surpluses during Conservative rule, it must not be forgotten that it was during the period of their rule that the heavy expenditure upon the Canadian Pacific Railway was borne.

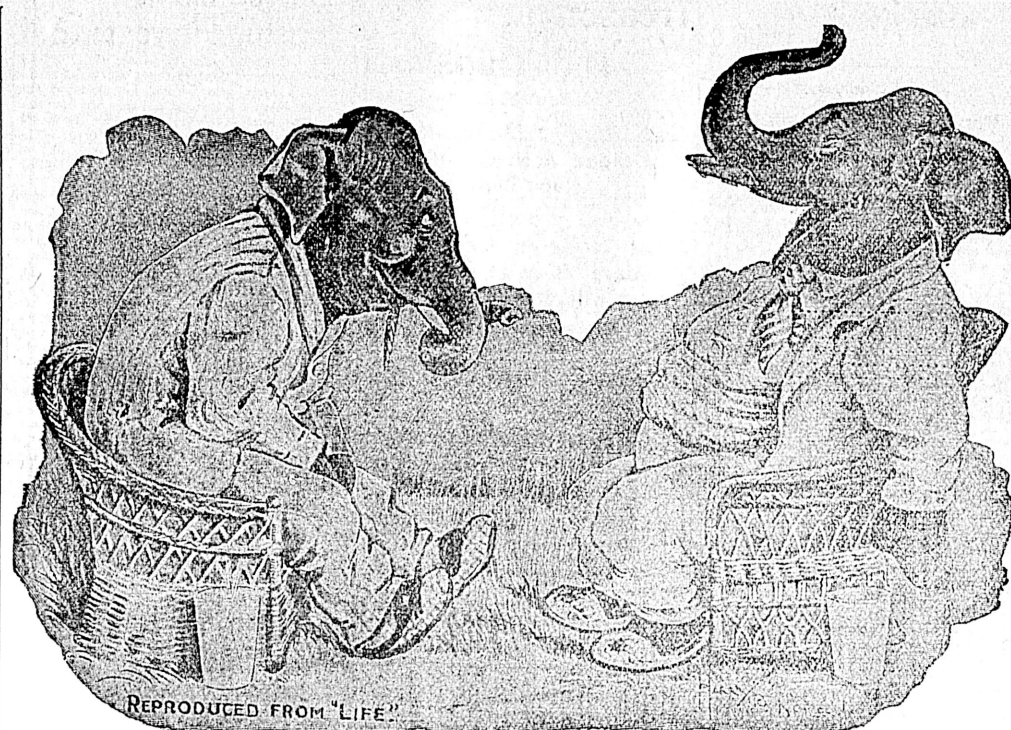
And this brings me to another of the disingenuous tricks of the Grits, which make any honest man of either side sick. Why the mischief can they not keep their pettifogging practices for their private offices? One man should not be strong enough to infect a whole party.

The minister of finance has allowed it to go out into the country that his government has increased the debt by less than three millions a year, whilst the Conservatives increased it by six millions a year, but has kept back the explanatory facts that during the period from 1878 to 1896 we paid for the Canadian Pacific Railway \$50,641,000, for railways \$15,000,000, for provincial debts, \$10,281,000 and bought back lands from the Canadian Pacific Railway.

But Mr. Fielding thinks it fair to compare this period with the two years last passed, when, comparatively speaking, not a dollar was spent upon the Canadian Pacific Railway, or upon provincial debts, or upon commutation of lands, or upon anything of that kind. Take a period of fair comparison after the C. P. R. was built, say from 1887 to 1896, and we find the average increase in the debt about \$3,000,000 per annum. Later than that, the average is even less.

Is it fair, in the face of these facts, to tell the people without a word of explanation that the Conservatives increased the debt by six millions a year, and the Grits by only three millions. It is the business of the ministers of the Crown to present facts to the people so that they may understand them, not to try and steal credit by juggling with figures. Canadians don't care to be treated as fools by people more smart than honest.

Coming to revenue, Mr. Foster showed that revenue was that amount of money which the government took from



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### FASTEST AFLOAT.

Contract Awarded for Forty-two Knot Yacht for Charles R. Flint.

The contract has just been signed for the building of the fastest boat in the world. Samuel Ayers & Son, whose shipyard is at Nyack, will build a combined torpedo boat and pleasure yacht for Charles R. Flint, the millionaire and member of the New York Yacht Club. Charles D. Mosher is the designer. The boat will have a guaranteed speed of 42 miles an hour, and within three days coal will be transformed into the most dangerous torpedo boat afloat.

Mosher is the designer of the famous Eilde and other fast boats. The Eilde has a record of nearly 40 miles an hour, and is the fastest yacht in American waters. Mr. Flint's ambition is to own a boat that will not only beat the Eilde, but will be faster than any other boat of any description in the world. Designer Mosher says that he will produce such a boat. Ayers & Son built the Eilde, and they will lay the keel this week for the new flyer. She will be completed within a year.

The yacht will be 135 feet long, 12 feet 6 inches beam, and 4 feet draught. She will have twin screws and quadruple engines of 12,000-horse-power. The boat will be built mainly of nickel, steel and bronze.

Designer Mosher is given carte blanche as to expense. Mr. Flint wants a world-better, and the expense is a minor consideration. The engines of the boat are already nearly completed and they are marvels of advanced mechanism. Mr. Mosher has put some new ideas into them and those who have seen them are convinced that they will drive the Flint boat through the water at a terrific rate of speed. Designer Mosher promises 42 miles an hour, but it will not be surprising if his latest creation exceeds that speed.

This remarkable vessel will be a yacht in every sense of the word. She will have roomy and luxurious accommodations and will be handsome enough to please the most fastidious yachtsman.

The yacht will be divided by steel bulkheads. There will be crew's quarters, a gallery, a pilot-house and bridge, a beautiful saloon and a large stateroom. In fact, nothing is to be left undesired as a pleasure craft, yet the boat is so designed that in an emergency it can be converted into the fastest and most dangerous torpedo boat in the world. The whole forward portion of the deck and pilot-house is so constructed that it can be readily removed, and replaced by a turtle-back and two conning towers, one at either end, and both fitted with independent steering gear. The armament will consist of two 14-inch automobile torpedo tubes, one being at the stern and another abaft the forward conning tower. There will also be one 6-inch rapid-fire gun on each of the conning towers and two 1-pounder rapid-firing guns on either side of the deck amidships. This will give the Flint boat a higher power battery than has ever been fitted on a torpedo boat of her class. The United States government is actively interested in the new boat.

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## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, May 16-8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure area still hovers over Western Oregon and California, while in this province the barometer remains abnormally low and the weather unsettled and cold. Showers have been general west of the Cascades; also throughout the Territories. Cariboo reports a steady rain. Little improvement in our weather may be expected till the above high area again moves northward.

TEMPERATURES.	Min.	Max.
Victoria.....	45	55
New Westminster.....	40	48
Kamloops.....	42	52
Barcelo.....	32	48
Calgary.....	24	38
Winnipeg.....	24	46
Portland, Ore.....	42	54
San Francisco, Cal.....	46	60

FORECASTS.  
For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh southwest and west winds; partly cloudy and cool, with local showers.  
Lower Mainland—Unsettled, with occasional showers; not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 16.	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.....	45	Mean.....50
Noon.....	52	Highest.....55
5 p.m.....	51	Lowest.....45

Wind velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m.....Calm.  
Noon.....11 miles southwest.  
5 p.m.....12 miles southwest.  
Average state of weather—Partly cloudy, with showers.  
Rain—10 inches.  
Sunshine—2 hours 48 minutes.  
Barometer at noon—29.926  
Corrected—29.882

E. BAYNES REED,  
Provincial Forecast Official.

## PASSENGERS.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:  
W. Calache, T. B. Young,  
Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Griffin,  
A. Laund, W. Nicholls,  
Rev. C. Headlands, Rev. D. Reid,  
J. M. Keith, Rev. D. Reid,  
Mrs. Geo. Powell, M. M. Lemon,  
Mrs. Adams, J. Lewis,  
Mrs. Sullivan, R. A. Evans,  
S. Brooks, R. A. Evans,  
Mrs. H. Chapman, Mrs. Dunsmyth,  
Mrs. G. C. Mesher, J. Jamieson,  
O. O'Neil, F. J. Wheeler,  
F. O. Gamble, Capt. Robertson,  
J. R. McNeill, Dr. Milne,  
G. R. Clazy, A. C. Banc,  
W. McLaughlin, G. C. Thompson,  
H. H. Norris, J. G. Thompson,  
J. H. Plummer, J. G. Thompson,  
R. Keefe, R. Rogers,  
G. B. Mallett, M. J. Cockburn,  
C. Strang, C. E. McKay,  
J. A. Saffridge, H. C. Childers,  
M. J. Duragh, C. C. Bushby,  
R. Jackson, C. C. Bushby,  
G. C. Mesher, C. C. Bushby,  
O. R. King, Chas. O. King,  
Jas. Prentice, J. F. Wilmor,  
E. B. Warbridge, J. F. Wilmor,  
J. G. Tharks, Babe Carr,  
B. Lamore, A. Wilmor,  
Mrs. P. Hladar, G. C. Wilmor,  
Miss Carlisle, Robt. Nowell.

By steamer Clopa from the South:  
R. H. Saffley, Miss Brownell,  
Geo. S. Beadie, Geo. Hallers,  
S. Hope, Miss Devall,  
C. Tobin, Mrs. Devall,  
R. B. Young, Miss Devall,  
Phos. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Morley,  
A. B. McQueen, Mrs. Dugan,  
L. Sindell, Master Brimmer,  
P. A. Bennett, Miss Reid,  
G. B. Beck, Mrs. Dines,  
F. W. Martineau, Mrs. Dick,  
C. Meyer, Miss Garen,  
A. Beck, Mrs. Fox,  
B. Blyth, Geo. Mars,  
D. M. Surl, R. B. Ford,  
J. Johnson, C. Ingham,  
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W. McKinnon & Son, E. O'Brien,  
D. Maynard, On Hing Bros.,  
D. Spencer, Brackman & Ker,  
R. Martin & R. W. Miller,  
R. H. Lester, W. Miller,  
Geo. Morrison, Ino. Meaton,  
Pither & Lester, Stenler & Earle,  
Rosen Engineers, Agent G.P.R.,  
L. O'Neil, J. O'Neil,  
Wilson Bros., C. E. Prior & Co.,  
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Army Convention.—The Salvation Army local corps is preparing for the largest demonstration that has been held in this city for some years. A party of about twenty officers is expected to arrive on the 20th, in charge of Brigadier Howell, chief divisional officer of the West. Interesting meetings in the Broad Street hall, as well as on Sunday street meetings, will be held. Tuesday and part of Wednesday will be devoted to officers' councils and a lot of important business in connection with the work in this district will be done. The Salvation Army are expecting a very successful series of meetings, all of which are open to the public.

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## Treason In The Transvaal

### Cecil Rhodes' South African League Accused of a Huge Plot.

#### Arrest of Seven Men Said to Have Been Formerly British Officers.

By Associated Press.  
Johannesburg, May 16.—A number of men have been arrested on a charge of high treason.

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 16.—The arrest at Johannesburg of seven alleged former British officers on a charge of high treason has caused intense excitement here. The prisoners were brought to Pretoria by a special train. After they had been lodged in jail they were visited by the British diplomatic agent here.

The arrests were effected by a detective who joined the movement, which it is asserted was for the purpose of enrolling men in order to cause an outbreak. Incriminating documents were found upon the prisoners, and it is expected that further arrests will be made.

London, May 16.—The advice from Johannesburg of arrests for high treason are probably connected with a mysterious despatch received at Johannesburg from Pretoria on May 12, saying a special train fully equipped with Boer artillerymen, guns and searchlight apparatus, was being held in readiness at the capital of the Transvaal. The statement was then declared to be without significance, but to-day's news throws a more serious light on the movement, and it is certain there will be a great sensation in London when the news of the arrests becomes generally known.

The Standard and Diggers' News, the Boer organ in London, has a despatch from Pretoria which says that the warrants were issued yesterday evening by the state attorney and executed at midnight. The despatch adds that a plot or rebellion is alleged to have been maturing for four months, and that the accused, who are said to have been engaged by the South African League, have already enlisted 2,000 men.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the former premier of Cape Colony and resident director in South Africa of the British Chartered South African Co., who was recently elected president of the South African League, informs the Associated Press that he has heard nothing regarding the arrests at Johannesburg, and that he knows nothing about the reason for which they were made.

### THE SAMOAN REBELLION.

#### An American's Ideas of His Government's Action in the Island Kingdom.

Spokane, May 11.—Henry Labouchere has let in a flood of light on the doings of the allied powers at Samoa. In London Truth publishes a letter from Lloyd Osborne, who was for long vice and deputy consul-general for the United States at Apia, and this letter is little else but an impeachment of the conduct of America, Germany and England. Indeed, "it is excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyranny to use it like a giant."

And if the facts furnished by Mr. Osborne and Mr. Augustine Keogh be true, England, Germany and the United States have been guilty during eleven years of wanton and unjustified cruelty in their treatment of the natives of the Navigator Islands.

During those eleven years they have excluded from the throne of Samoa the King Alfred, of his people a brave, merciful and enlightened ruler. The flag of the great republic has been dragged in the mire and stained indelibly in a vile effort to force a tyrant on a simple and unoffending people.

Chase Justice Chambers vetoed the choice of the people of Samoa, and named Tanu king. "His true, 'tis pity, and 'tis true," that England and America in spite of Germany's protest, undertook to make Tanu king, a wretched strapping in his teens, against the wishes and desires of a whole people who wanted as their king a brave and wise old man, whose virtues and valor were the glory of their country and their race.

Had not the people of the Navigator Islands just as much right to choose their own king as the people of this country to make William McKinley President of the United States? Is not the voice of the people, the voice of God, as much in Samoa as in America? Is it just that the voice of a narrow-minded bigot, clothed with brief authority as chief justice, should override the voice of a whole people, and that to carry out the behest of this epitome of prig and humbug the guns of American and British warships should be fixed to kill and to destroy?

Admiral Kautz writes that he has done nothing that his friends may be ashamed of, unless it is the making of a king. But, alas, he has done the most shameful deed that has ever stained the fair name of this great United States. He has been guilty of murder and rapine, in an attempt to deprive a people of their rightful king and force a tyrant on the throne. Mataafa is of the ancient royal blood of the island of Samoa. Eleven years ago he was chosen king of the island by the most unanimous voice of the people, but Germany refused to recognize him, and induced England and America to aid her in compelling him to resign the kingship in favor of Malleota. Mataafa gave up his throne to save the lives and property of his people, for their cities and towns were threatened with destruction. During the five years following Mataafa was exiled to the Marshall Islands, and while there the Germans discovered that Mataafa was indeed a king among men, and for a savage a rare and wise and an able man. Last August Malleota died, and the Germans permitted Mataafa to return to Samoa, where the vast majority of his people hailed him as their lawful king and their long-wished-for king.

It is melancholy and humiliating to think that this king would have peacefully taken possession of his own people were it not that an American named Chambers chanced to be vested by alien powers with a veto privilege on the people's wishes. He vetoed Mataafa's kingship, and, I presume, he sent to America for warships to aid him and his abettors in placing a tool of theirs as king over the Samoans.

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The American people know the rest—the Germans supported Mataafa and asked for time to explain the facts to the various governments. That did not suit Chambers and his gang, and he had the guns of the United States warships enforce his decrees. On the head of this miserable creature rests the blood that has been shed. The state of Washington lost at Samoa one of the noblest of her sons. Ensign Monaghan was a young man of splendid promise, as this type of son and citizen as this United States has ever bred, and his untimely end at Apia was one of the most deplorable incidents in our history. But his death is the one heroic and honorable thing about the whole wretched Samoan business. He struggled to carry off to safety his friend and companion, Lieut. Langsdale, and when left by all his companions he killed three followers of Mataafa before he himself was slain. The slain and the slayer were fighting in noble causes—he for his friend; they for their king—but not all the ages will wash out the stigma of this crime of the United States against liberty and humanity.

It is and indeed to be forced to write this of the advocates of American officials and naval officers at the close of one of the proudest periods in American history; but the conscience of the civilized world has been aroused at American and British infamy in Samoa and the American people can only atone for the wrong they have done by impeaching Chambers and gracefully acknowledging the rightful king of the Samoans, the brave and enlightened Mataafa.

P. A. O'FARRELL.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### AN ERA OF PROGRESS.

Sir: I notice in your paper of this morning's issue a communication headed "Unwise Critics," and signed "Victorian." The writer attempts to criticize the railway schemes which are now being discussed by the people, and in doing so introduces his base insinuations as to the motives the railway committee have in pressing for the Port Angeles ferry connection. I think, sir, it is not the clean thing for you to allow persons to write under an assumed name, and intimating that myself as well as other representatives of the railway committee are influenced by other motives than appear on the surface. I do not propose to answer the letter referred to, as the writer is evidently ashamed of his real name, but as he mentions my name in his letter, I would simply remark that it is mossbacks, such as he is, who have retarded the progress of Victoria to the present; but let me say to "Victorian" that he must either fall in line of progress or else get out of the way.

N. SHAKESPEARE.

May 16, 1890.

### OCCULT SCIENCE.

Sir: It is indeed remarkable in these days of avowed scepticism and blind-faith-serving to find in the occult sciences a revival of that "domain of the occult science as wide as that of the physical universe." Occult science is the greatest possible domain of human research, and at the same time the most difficult of philosophical investigation.

More signal proof could be found of the growing trend of the public mind than in an editorial remark such as the above, freely volunteered and with confidence addressed to the average reader.

True undoubtedly is it throughout the boundless physical universe, its basis and essence, is the universal mind, and true occultism is the study of the workings of that mind in the universe. It is the science of life and the art of living. Vastly removed from the occult sciences merely, whose names are legion and whose votaries often conscienceless men, are the subtle enemies of mankind.

Difficult indeed is the investigation of the occult world, for it demands of the investigator (of the right path) a knowledge and self-control such as the ordinary man never conceives. Anger, fear, vanity, envy, must be overcome; altruism practiced; the lower self renounced; and "powers" attained, laid on the altar of the service of humanity.

A. B. C.

### THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

A Victoria Company That Will Carry a Big Share of the Dawson Freight.

From the Skagway Alaskan.  
The Victoria-Vukon Trading Company, operating the big saw mill at Bennett, has made preparations for carrying immense quantities of freight to Dawson this season. This company is fully equipped to receive and transport to Dawson all freight originating in the Yukon valley. It has been built, suitable for carrying freight down the lakes and river. Experience last season demonstrated that this method was the most economical and safest way to land freight in Dawson.

The Bennett Sun and Cassiar Reformer will be the name of a new weekly paper which Mr. P. F. Schnerscheidt, the customs broker at Cabin, will launch upon the journalistic world in about a week at Bennett.

Atlin City, B. C., now boasts a family weekly newspaper called "The Atlin Claim," No. 1, Vol. 1, of which was issued under date of April 27. Its projectors are Messrs. Cowan and Mackay, who head their salutary in the following unique style:

"LOCATION NOTICE."  
"Take notice that we have this day located this newspaper as a proposition to be known as 'The Atlin Claim,' four pages, sixteen columns," etc.

The following are the government surveyed distances from Bennett to all points along the water route, lakes and rivers to Dawson City:

Place.	Miles bet.	Miles from Bennett.
Cariboo Crossing.....	28	28
Tagish.....	18	46
McClintock river.....	25	71
White Horse.....	25	96
Upper Lebarge.....	28	124
Lower Lebarge.....	31	155
Hoodfishing.....	30	185
Big Salmon.....	30	215
Little Salmon.....	36	251
Tanahus.....	30	281
Five Fingers.....	30	311
Trochilid.....	30	341
Seldirk.....	38	379
Selwyn.....	30	409
Half-Way.....	45	454
Stewart river.....	20	474
Ogilvie.....	23	497
Indian river.....	20	517
Dawson.....	28	545

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## Oriental News By the Mail.

### How German Prince Came to Be Shot Before American Fighting Line.

#### Incidents of the Kowloon Rioting—Loot of a Catholic Mission.

Details were brought by the R. M. S. Empress of India yesterday of the accidental shooting by Oregon soldiers of Prince Ludwig von Lowenstein-Wertheim Frudenberg, a German nobleman, in an engagement with the Filipinos near Malabon on April 26. He was regarded as a German spy in Manila, and had been dismissed from General Marcus P. Miller's staff. He had been warned on the very morning that he was killed to keep away from the firing line. In reporting the matter to the Manila Times, C. S. Bradford, a newspaper representative, said:

"For some time before he was killed, the Prince was known as a spy, and was so dubbed by everybody about Manila. Earlier General Miller had listened to his request, and employed him as a secret service agent, placing him on his staff as an aid. When he reached Manila the Americans were under orders not to land from the transport, so Lowenstein went over to a British vessel, and from her got ashore. But instead of doing work there for the Americans, he sneaked around the point and went aboard the German cruiser Irene. General Miller found out some of his double dealings, and dropped him from his staff. The Prince came back to Manila. He used to hang around the firing line, whether to risk being shot because of his family troubles or because of his very straitened financial condition, or for other reasons, is unknown. Any way, he was told to keep away, but he did not."

"That forenoon many of us civilians were standing on the Malabon river bridge, the Prince and his German friend, the general, and a staff officer rode up and warned us all to keep back from the firing line, as the Americans shortly expected a sharp engagement. He turned to the Prince and repeated his warning, saying: 'I mean you, particularly. You have already given the Americans a good deal of trouble.' The Prince smiled and nodded. He remained on the bridge, but the two Germans left. The Oregon regiment was coming up and going to the right. Colonel Egbert was expected to come up at the centre, but was delayed by an unexpectedly fierce resistance. So the Oregonians were waiting by the river for Egbert to come up and surprise the insurgents by getting a position behind them. While waiting, they advanced across an open field, but came to a lake, met a stiff fire from the insurgents at 1,000 yards, and apparently retreated to give Egbert a chance to come up and get in position. They shot about 2,500 shots at the Oregon boys, and hit but one, and him only in the heel of his shoe. As the Oregon regiment was deploying in this manoeuvre I saw two or three men in the distance run into a mine, but some distance in front of the American soldiers and directly between them and the Filipinos. It was too far for me to distinguish who the persons were. The Oregonians were ordered to send a volley into the hut. The volley killed the Prince and sent a bullet through the arm of his German companion. They had run into the hut. I helped prepare the Prince's body for railroad transportation back to Manila, where it was buried by the German consul, without demonstration. The other German, while delirious in the hospital, said things confirming the suspicion that he and the Prince had been friendly with Aguinaldo."

According to a Shantung paper, there was an anti-Christian disturbance late in March in the Yencheng district of Ichowfu, where the Catholic priests had to flee for the lives. Two hundred Catholic families are reported to have been robbed and eighteen chapels demolished in that prefecture. On the first morning four Catholic priests were murdered. The great part of the cavalry soldiers sent there from Tsiman have returned, having accomplished nothing beyond exact-

ing money from the people. Owing to the long drought and the high price of rice, general unrest prevails.

The North China Daily News of April 15 says Sir Claude Macdonald is detained at Hankow by illness. He and the British consul, Mr. Warren, are suffering severely from yamish poisoning, complicated, in the case of the minister, with weakness of the heart.

A Pekin correspondent says that one of the highest officials in the Chinese capital, and a particular favorite of the Empress Dowager, says that His Majesty Kuang Hsu, who is at present very ill, will never be on the throne again.

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